



NEWSLETTER 2 Term 1  
Friday 30th September 2022

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"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

Dear Chiddingly families,

What a great week it has been, lots of children have been talking about their learning in their new topics and have been keen to share their work with other classes and adults. This week in our celebration assembly the PFCS joined us to share the results from the Sunflower competition, the children were amazed to see the tallest sunflower which stood tall at a whopping 371cm! We even had a life sized version of it for the children to measure themselves against at playtime. A huge thank you to all the children and adults who joined in with this event and the PFCS for their continued support within our school. We also welcomed Tina from the village shop who celebrated the winning postcards for their competition, the chosen designs were beautifully drawn. It was a great way to finish our week with lots of celebrations! Mrs Mackarness

### Skills Builders (Next Two Weeks)

You are welcome to join us in our celebration assemblies on Fridays at 9.15am.

The following children will be celebrating their Skills Builders in the next two weeks:

#### Friday 7th October

Harry in Oak	Penelope
Poppy B	Max G

#### Friday 14th October

Helen	Harry in Beech
Lia	Amelie

### Beech Class Request

If you have any large, strong cardboard boxes, we would be grateful for you to donate them to us to use for making puppet theatres.

### Lunch Menu Changes

On **Thursday 6th October** it is our school census. To encourage as many children to have school dinners as possible on this day, the lunch options have changed. Friday's menu of fish fingers and chips will now be on Thursday. Thursday's menu of Cottage pie will now be on Friday 7th October. As Chartwells cannot change ParentPay, please book as normal but be aware that Thursday and Friday's lunches will be swapped. Any questions please ask Mrs Dann.

Our Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday 12th October**. We will also be having a different lunch menu for this day. This won't be bookable on ParentPay. Instead, please book your child's lunch option on the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/TZKy6MKtWE7CjYFw5>



### Vacancies

We are looking for a dedicated Caretaker(s) to help keep our East Hoathly, Chiddingly, St Mary's and Park Mead premises looking their best.

Please see our school website for more details.



*If you need the newsletter or other school letters to be in a different format, please speak to Mrs Dann in the school office. If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Dann.*

## 🌻 BREAKING SUNFLOWER NEWS 🌻 😊 🌻

🌈 🌻 🌈 The winning entries for the 2022 PFCS sunflower growing competition were announced this morning at Friday's celebration assembly. We are delighted to let you know that these are.....

🏆 Tallest sunflower: Wilfred with a gigantic 371cm

🏆 Largest sunflower head: Rosa with an incredible 34cm

🏆 Most sunflower heads on one plant: Oak Class with an astounding 22+

🏆 Best sunflower name: Penelope for 'Summer' - this category was judged by the Chairman of Chiddingly Horticultural Society, who said "I think the winner should be 'Summer'. We had a good, long, hot summer this year and sunflowers are cheerful and summery and would have loved following the sun through the sky".

🏆 Best photo with or of your sunflower: Amelie - this category was judged by Mrs Vile, who said "Sunflowers represent summer and are known as the happy flower, and this picture made me smile!"

Our prize winners received a certificate, British wildflower seed bombs and a mini cactus or succulent plant to take home. The PFCS would like to thank everyone who took part in and supported the event this year. We really hope you enjoyed it! 🌱 🌻 🌱



# Positivity Board

## Positivity Board



Year 6 represented  
the school brilliantly  
at Safety in Action.



Beech  
Fantastic acting and  
drama! We have been  
rescuing Old Bear  
from the attic!



Willow have  
created amazing  
'Lost Things' for their  
upcoming stories!



Great forest  
School with sycamore  
and a big Thankyou  
to the volunteers  
for the cooking of  
the Pumpkins & Potatoes  
from the  
School garden



## Class Updates

### Oak

Oak Class have been sharing their treasure boxes with each other. They have really enjoyed buddy time and showing their buddies all around their classroom and outside area. They have also been practicing their phonics and have already learnt 8 sounds. The focus of this week in maths has been number 3.



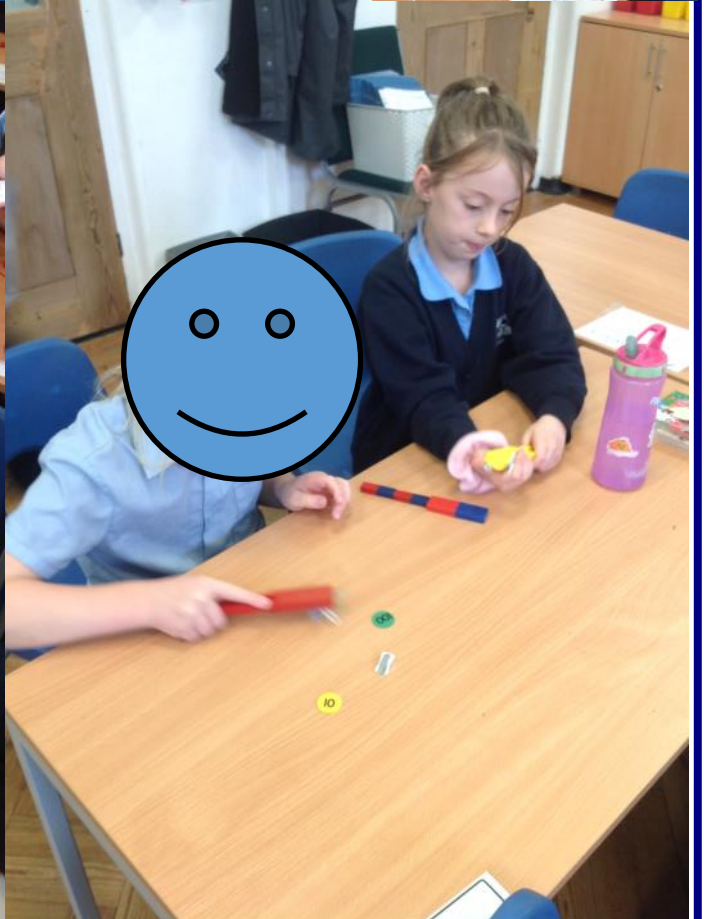
## Beech

In Beech we have been continuing with our 'Toys' topic and the children have been very excited to make their own wooden spoon puppets. They designed them and will be making their own settings for a puppet show!



## Willow

The children have begun experimenting with forces, and explored magnets together. They have thought about the function of magnets, and other forces, in different inventions and related these to our everyday experiences! Our drama skills have also helped us extend our learning across the curriculum.



## Sycamore

Year 6 went on their first trip of the year on Tuesday 20th September to Safety in Action held at Newhaven Fort. They took part in a variety of safety activities and scenarios, including the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance service, road, rail, water and electrical. The pupils represented the school brilliantly and thanks also to all the families that could support with lifts for the children. Back at school, Year 5 got to explore more marble run set-ups in DT.



## Forest School (This Week)

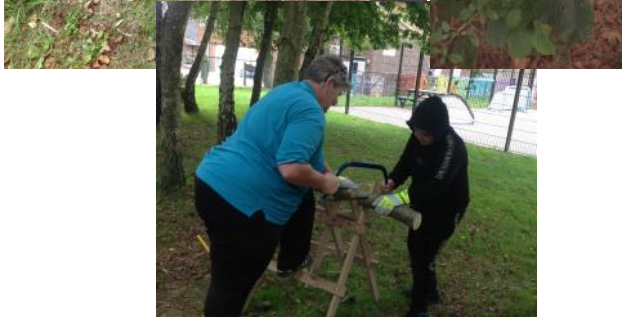
This week, Sycamore went to the woodlands and made art of natural materials (like David Goldsworthy). They made dogs out of logs, bridges and dens. They used all sorts of materials like branches and wet leaves!





## Forest School (Last Week)

Last week, Sycamore Class fit in a lot at Forest School! Including: pond dipping, building dens, playing in the mud kitchen, bug hunting and whittling. They also cooked potatoes (from the school garden!) and tried pumpkin for the very first time and it was a hit!



## Harvest Festival 2022

Our Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 9.15am**. As with previous years, we will be collecting donations for Hailsham Foodbank. Please visit their website for ideas of what items they are in need of: <https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/>. Any donations will be most appreciated. Thank you!

We will also be having a different lunch menu for this day. This won't be bookable on ParentPay. Please book your child's lunch option on the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/TZKy6MKtWE7CjYFw5>



Chartwells  
SCHOOLS

# HARVEST FEASTIVAL

**MAINS**

**Harvest Chicken Casserole  
or  
Vegetable Pie (v)**

**SIDES**

**Creamed Potatoes  
Carrots & Broccoli**

**DESSERT**

**Apple & Rhubarb Crumble  
or  
Fresh Fruit**

*Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!*

*To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school*

KS1 – Free  
KS2 – £2.42

Please note that Chartwells are unable to swap the menu on ParentPay for this day so please book as normal but be aware that Thursday and Friday's lunches will be swapped. Please encourage as many Key Stage One children to eat lunch on Thursday 6th October as it affects our school funding.

Census Day

KS1 Free  
KS2 £2.42

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Did you know?

If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then the meal is free of charge

## Census Day Menu

Choose a Main Meal...

Golden Fish Fingers & Chips

Quorn Dippers & Chips (v)

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

On the Side...

Peas

Baked Beans

For Dessert...

Orange, Sultana & Carrot Slice  
or Fresh Fruit



Don't forget! If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then you can get their meal free of charge!

Vaccination is one of the most successful Public Health interventions giving protection against potentially fatal diseases for the whole of our population.



**Sussex Community**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Immunisation Service**  
Children & Families Clinic  
Brighton General Hospital  
Elm Grove  
Brighton BN2 3EW  
[SC-TR.imms-team@nhs.net](mailto:SC-TR.imms-team@nhs.net)

Dear Parent or Guardian

### **School Based Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme 2022-2023**

The Influenza nasal spray vaccination is offered annually as part of the national programme for vaccination of children and young people. This academic year the vaccine will be offered to children in all year groups from Reception through to Year 6.

The nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective in helping to protect children against flu.

Flu is caused by the influenza virus, which children can catch and spread easily. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children, which can lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

The vaccination is given as a simple, quick and painless spray into each nostril.

Contained within this letter are some frequently asked questions and useful information about the vaccine, and the virus it protects against.

Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

Please take this opportunity to check that your child's routine vaccinations are up to date. You can check this with your GP Practice. If you have any questions, you can also contact the Immunisation Service or your School Nurse.

#### **How do I give consent for this vaccination?**

Complete the steps below, before the closing date and time, to consent for your child to have the Influenza nasal spray vaccination.

**Your online consent form closes at 11am 4 working days before your session date, which can be found in the accompanying email from your child's school.**

1. Click on the following the link: [www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)
2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
3. Enter your school code and click 'Find School': School codes are unique to each school and site. Use the code found on this letter, to avoid delays with vaccination: **SX114391**
4. Check the school name matches the school your child attends: **Chiddingly Primary School**
5. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.

If you are unable to complete the online form, do not want your child to have this vaccination, or wish to change your consent, please read the frequently asked questions for how to proceed.

We hope that the information provided helps you to make a positive decision about protecting your child and the wider population against this virus, for which vaccinations are readily available.

Yours sincerely

**Immunisation Clinical Service Manager**

Speak to a member of the Immunisation Service by calling your local team on 01273 696011

Brighton  
Ext. 3789

Chichester  
Ext. 8100

Crawley  
Ext. 2043

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Ext. 2080

Uckfield  
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# Dates For Your Diary!

## October 2022

4th & 11th—Sycamore Class Swimming

6th—school census

10th—World Mental Health Day

10th—Flu Vaccinations

12th—Harvest Festival

21st—Term 1 ends

31st—Term 2 starts

## November 2022

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th—Willow Class Swimming

## December 2022

16th—Term 2 ends

## January 2023

4th—Term 3 starts

## February 2023

10th—Term 3 ends

20th—Term 4 starts

## March 2023

31st— Term 4 ends

## April 2023

17th—Term 5 starts

## May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday

26th—Term 5 ends



## June 2023

6th—Term 6 starts

## July 2023

20th—Term 6 ends

Please do not bring donations into classrooms. A member of the PFCS will be on the school gate to take any items from you. Many thanks.

# BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

## RULES

- NO CRAZY HAIR OR ACCESSORIES
- NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- NO PAINTED NAILS
- NO TRAINERS TO SCHOOL



**For a  
tombola  
donation...**

**Bottles, gifts,  
chocolate,  
bric a brac,  
toys, crafts**



Dear Parents,

To help the local authority understand the childcare needs of East Sussex families and any issues faced, we are asking as many parents/carers as possible to complete an online Childcare Sufficiency Parental Survey. The survey can be completed by clicking the link below, responses need to be submitted by 10 October 2022.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/csa-parental-survey-2022/>

Thank you very much for your time and support.

# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



## 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

## 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

## 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

## 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

## 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter



Children's Services

Alison Jeffery

Director of Children's Services



6 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your children had a relaxing summer holiday and are settling back into the school routine. We really value the support that you give to your children and their education. As we begin the new school year, we want to ensure that everyone makes a positive start to the year and can get the most out of their learning.

Headteachers and Principals have worked with their staff to get ready for the school year and to welcome children back to the classroom. Good attendance at school and college is important for successful learning and it also provides wider benefits for your child's development and wellbeing. Getting children and young people into good school habits now will help them maintain this throughout the year.

The national approach continues to be that we are 'living with COVID-19'. Schools and colleges adapted to this during the spring and summer last year and you will be used to what this means. There are simple things you can do to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections (such as flu). This will help to keep everyone in school and also to protect those at highest risk. These include:

- Getting yourself and your children vaccinated (including Autumn COVID-19 booster where eligible)
- Practising good hygiene such as washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Following [guidance](#) for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or those with a positive COVID-19 test result.

The guidance says that children or young people (aged 18 or under) who test positive for COVID-19 should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

Thank you for your continued support for your child's education, particularly through the last few years where the challenges of COVID-19 have been difficult for us all.

We look forward to a positive year ahead.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Gale".

Darrell Gale FFPH  
Director of Public Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Jeffery".

Alison Jeffery  
Director of Children's Services

# Tiddlers & Toddlers

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**N E W**  
**S A L E**

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